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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

WKAR News/East Lansing: Local Marijuana Ordinances Debated Before Michigan Supreme Court

"A challenge to a local zoning ordinance that restricts medical marijuana was argued today Thursday before the state Supreme Court.... The city of Wyoming's restrictive zoning ordinance is being challenged by a local medical marijuana user and the American Civil Liberties Union."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MLW Blog: Oral arguments: Using magic words, billowing pot smoke and returning to nature

[Full story](#)

WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Oral Arguments Heard In Medical Marijuana Case

[Full story](#)

WILX-TV(10)/Lansing: City Medical Marijuana Ban at Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids: Wyoming pot ban before MI Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: Medical Marijuana goes before Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WXMI-TV(17)/Grand Rapids: Wyoming's Medical Marijuana Ordinance In Front Of The Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WWMT-TV(3)/Kalamazoo: Medical marijuana case in Mich. Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Isola named research director for Michigan Court of Appeals

"Attorney Julie Isola has been named Research Director for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Chief Judge William B. Murphy announced the appointment [Wednesday]. 'Julie brings a multitude of experience and leadership skills to the position; the Court will certainly benefit from having someone with her wide-ranging expertise fill this key role,' said Murphy."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Students honored during Hispanic Heritage Month

"October 6 will be remembered fondly by Cooley Law School students, Ulises Mario Macias Robles and Belem Morales, the first recipients of the Navarro-Vezina Scholarship.... In addition to witnessing the awards ceremony, participants at the event enjoyed speeches by [Wayne County Circuit Court Judges Patricia Perez Fresard, Maria Oxholm and other] distinguished leaders from the Latino Community in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.

Hometown Life Newspapers: Garden City judge adjourns hearing in child predator case

"New allegations and a foreign language barrier led Garden City 21st District Judge Richard Hammer Jr. to adjourn Monday the preliminary hearing of a Garden City man charged with being a child predator. Vasile Tulac, 60, now faces a rescheduled preliminary exam at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: A fair penalty (third article)

The editorial states "A pat on the judicial robes to Judge Hugh Clarke Jr. for his swift action to penalize a highly placed official who violated the cellphone policy of his courtroom. Yes, the scofflaw was the judge himself, whose phone was not turned off or silenced as required. The penalty is seizure of the phone, with a \$50 fee for its return."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Judge fines himself after cellphone rings in court

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Operation Nighthawk leads to arrests; Sobriety Court has graduation ceremony

"Two important programs that help with the safety of residents and rehabilitation of people convicted of drug and alcohol-related crimes noted milestones recently. The Ingham County 55th District Court finished a round of probation violation checks with Operation Nighthawk and then held a graduation ceremony for its Sobriety Court."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Mental Health Court to launch in Macomb County

"Macomb County will launch its first mental health court Tuesday in an effort to reduce recidivism by criminal defendants who suffer from severe mental illnesses. The court will be presided by Probate Judge Carl Marlinga, who was among an array of county officials who have pushed for the new specialty court."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: Federal courts in Michigan: Business as usual despite government shutdown

"Michigan's federal district courts and bankruptcy courts, which remained funded for 10 days past the Oct. 1 government shutdown, will continue to be open for business while Congress sorts out its budget issues. The courts are closed Monday, Oct. 14 for Columbus Day, but will be operating as usual beginning Tuesday, Oct. 15 until further notice."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Michigan bill limits who sees juvenile criminal info

"The Michigan Senate has voted to keep the public from seeing juvenile criminal history information on a state database. The bill approved 35-0 Wednesday now heads to the House. The legislation would keep juvenile records off limits to everyone but authorities with access to the Law Enforcement Information Network, or LEIN."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: LWVLC host Marilyn Kelly (fifteenth article)

"The League of Women Voters Leelanau County (LWVLC) will host retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Kelly will discuss 'Improvements Needed in Michigan Courts' at 7 p.m. at the Old Art Building, 111 Main St., highlighting the 2012 findings of the Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force."

[Full story](#)